

# **IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday May 19th 2002**

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## **Great Blasket Island**

Subject to tide and weather conditions, Sean EI4GK and Declan EI9HQ plan to activate the Great Blasket Island next week between May the 23rd and 26th. Although mostly operating SSB on HF they also hope to operate on 6 metre and PSK31. Watch for them on the WAI frequency and around the usual IOTA frequencies.

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## **Limerick Radio Club**

The Limerick Radio Club are pleased to announce that they will be operating from Inisheer Island, IOTA Ref EU006 in IO53 square, from Friday the 24th of May to Sunday 26th of May 2002. Operation will be on all bands from 80 metres to 6 metres inclusive. This ties in with the CW WPX contest as well as the UKSMG 6 metre contest.

The callsign for the event will be EJ-0-A. Twelve operators will be travelling and the operation will be 24 Hours a day. Further information can be found on the clubs WebPages at [www.qsl.net/ej0a](http://www.qsl.net/ej0a) More information about this activity is available from the web at [www.qsl.net/ej0a](http://www.qsl.net/ej0a)

Also, Paul EI6FE will be activating WAI square M40, Co. Claire in June. Operation will be with and FT817 running 5 watts and a dipole antenna. More information will be released soon.

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## **Inishkea Operation**

Joe EI3IX recently announced a trip to Inishkea Islands (South Island). This trip now has to be put back 1 month. Joe contacted the ferry owners in Blacksod who take people out to the islands for day trips etc. to confirm the 11th of May, they informed him that due to the unsettled nature of the sea it would be at least the last weekend in May before they would be able to provide this trip.

In light of this Joe has decided to re-schedule the trip for the 8th of June, hopefully at this stage the weather should have improved. The plan is still unchanged operation will be on HF (7.068 MHz), VHF (50.150, 70.2625 & 145.350 MHz) & UHF (433.450 MHz) operation from the 2 WAI squares (F51 and F52) on this island.

If there is any change with the dates due to any further unforeseen problems Joe will try and give as much notice as possible.

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### **Terenure Rally**

The Terenure Rally will take place on Sunday the 26th of May at Terenure College Concert Hall. Doors open at 11.00 a.m. Admission is €3.00. For information on stalls, contact George EI2CPB on 086-2586103.

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### **South Eastern Amateur Radio Group**

The next general meeting of South Eastern Amateur Radio Group will take place at 8.00 p.m. on Wednesday the 29th of May in the Roanmore Social and Sports Centre, Cleaboy Road, Waterford. The guest at this meeting will be IRTS President, Dave Moore EI4BZ. Members are asked to attend and visitors and new members are welcome.

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### **Baltic Contest 2002**

Lithuanian Radio Sports Federation will hold the 38th Baltic Contest (BC-2002). Last year the group had a record number of participants, 486 stations from 41 countries. There are lots of Winners medals, diplomas and special prizes (designed and made specially for this contest by LY2RF and donated by Latvian Radio Amateur League. The contest requires only few hours of operating on 80 metres from 2100Z on May the 18th until 0200Z on May the 19th, 2002.

For more information or to request the specially made UA1AAF logging program contact the contest manager Mindaugas Jukna, LY2UF at mindaugas@neolitas.lt.

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